

CITY OF ANNISTON

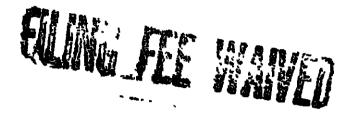
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VIA FACSIMILE to Vernon A. Williams at 202-245-0464

RE: Norfolk Southern Right-of-Way Company-Abandonment-Calhoun County, Alabama

STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub. No. 265X) MP 55.3 N to MP 61.1 North

Dear Sir:

Once again please be advised that the City of Anniston remains in active negotiations with Norfolk Southern Railway for acquisition of the above corridor proposed for ahandonment as referenced.

We have made significant strides in our negotiations and I believe that we would be within sixty (60) days of consummating an agreement in respect to this acquisition. Your prior order of February 26, 2007 extended our negotiating period until August 26, 2007 with Norfolk Southern's deadline for filing a Notice of Consummation extended until October 25th.

We are confident that the negotiations presently underway will be fruitful, and therefore request an additional extension from the Board.

Thank you for your courteous consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,

George A. Monk City Manager ENTERED
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